

STATE OF MICHIGAN

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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October 21, 2009



Ms. Anne K. Quinlan **Acting Secretary Surface Transportation Board** 395 East Street, SW Washington, DC 20423

Dear Ms. Quinlan:

SUBJECT: Central Michigan Railway Company - Abandonment Exemption - in

Kent County, Michigan, STB Docket No. AB-308 (Sub-No. 4X)

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) hereby respectfully requests a 180-day extension of the railbanking period provided by your Decision of April 30, 2009. The MDNR and the Central Michigan Railway Company are continuing negotiations towards an agreement, and expect to complete an agreement within 180 days.

Sincerely,

James Radabaugh, State Trails Coordinator Forest, Mineral and Fire Management 517-373-1276

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